

HIGH PEAK BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to Licensing Committee

6th July 2017

TITLE:	Update on Implementation of the Hackney Carriage Decals
PORTFOLIO:	Councillor Kemp – Executive Councillor for Tourism, Regeneration & Licensing
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WARDS:	Non-Specific

1. Reason for the Report:

- 1.1 The report is to update the Committee on the progress and revised timetable for the implementation of the Hackney Carriage Decals.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Committee notes the contents of the report.

3. Executive Summary

- 3.1 The procurement process is underway and a local supplier situated in Buxton is able to supply and fit the decals to the Hackney Carriage Vehicles in the Borough. Using a local supplier to Buxton will allow replacements to be obtained without any delay.
- 3.2 All Hackney Carriage vehicle owners will be required to attend the workshop to have the decals professionally fitted to their vehicles. It is anticipated that all vehicles will be completed by the end September 2017.
- 3.3 The Authority agreed to fund the 1st set of decals as per the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy 2016, any additional decals will be re-charged to the vehicle owner.

4. **Background**

- 4.1 The Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy 2016 (Appendix B) section 8.3.2 introduced a requirement for all Hackney Carriage Vehicles to display a decal on the bonnet of the vehicle and the doors clearly stating “**HIGH PEAK BOROUGH COUNCIL LICENSED HACKNEY CARRIAGE**”. The Operations Manager will provide the Decals of the local supplier at the meeting.

5. **Options and Analysis**

- 5.1 To agree the timetable for implementation of the Decals as detailed in the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy. (Recommended)
- 5.2 To decline the proposed timetable. (Not recommended)

6. **Implications**

6.1 Community Safety - (Crime and Disorder Act 1998)

The Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy should have a positive impact on community safety and assist in the reduction of crime.

6.2 Workforce

None.

6.3 Equality and Diversity/Equality Impact Assessment

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Council's Diversity and Equality Policies.

6.4 Financial Considerations

The failure of the Authority to review, consult and publish the Taxi Licensing Policy on a regular basis may result in judicial review proceedings being brought against the Council.

6.5 Legal

Decisions in relation to a licence application are likely to amount to consideration of civil rights and obligations with the result that Article 6 (1) of the Human Rights Act 1998 is engaged.

Should parts of the industry believe the authority's Taxi Licensing Policy is not sound it would be open to them to undertake judicial

review proceedings.

6.6 Sustainability

The aim of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing policy is to improve the economic, environmental and social well being of the area. The Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing policy has been introduced and written with due regard to the requirements to achieve sustainability in the environmental, economic and social life of the Borough.

6.7 Internal and External Consultation

The proposed amendments arise from consultation with the licenced trade.

6.8 Risk Assessment

The Council's Policy will be monitored during the five year period and can be reviewed at any time if considered necessary and appropriate.

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**Web Links and
Background Papers**

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